50-06-Youth Sports Subsidy and Scholarship

Fund/Agency: 001/50 Department of Community and Recreation Services						
Personnel Services	\$0					
Operating Expenses	\$245,000					
Recovered Costs	\$0					
Capital Equipment	\$0	CAPS Percentage of Agency Total				
Total CAPS Cost:	\$245,000	2.0%				
Federal Revenue	\$0					
State Revenue	\$0					
User Fee Revenue	\$0					
Other Revenue	\$0					
Total Revenue:	\$0	98.0%				
Net CAPS Cost:	\$245,000	Youth Sports Subsidy and Scholarship All Other Agency CAPS				
Positions/SYE involved in the delivery of this CAPS	0/1					

► CAPS Summary

Athletic Services Division manages two major programs that support youth participation in community based sports programs. The Youth Sports Subsidy assists youth sports organizations with expenses associated with referees and umpires. The following sports are included in the sports subsidy program: football, softball, baseball, basketball, soccer, and lacrosse. Each of these sports receives a percentage of the subsidy based on their levels of participation. Although most sports are active year-round, the subsidy is allocated one season per sport.

The Youth Sports Scholarship program is open to youth from low-income families that meet certain eligibility criteria. This program provides registration fee scholarships or equipment vouchers, and mileage reimbursements for non-family members to facilitate youth participating in organized sports programs offered through Fairfax County volunteer sports organizations.

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Sports participation is a vehicle for developing resiliency by improving self-esteem, developing leadership skills, social development, and development of positive relationships with adults. Increasing numbers of children from low-income families are either being referred or are seeking support for participation in community-based sports activities.

The increasing cost of referees and game officials creates a financial burden for many of the sports organizations. Increased costs are passed on to families thus creating a situation where the cost of participation is prohibitive for many families. Additionally, there is currently no provision for sports subsidies for new sports such as volleyball, which will need to be addressed in the coming years.

▶ Method of Service Provision

The Youth Athletic Scholarship programs are directly operated by Fairfax County. The hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

▶ Performance/Workload Related Data

Title	FY 1998 Actual	FY 1999 Actual	FY 2000 Actual	FY 2001 Estimate	FY 2002 Estimate
Youth receiving Youth Sports Scholarship funds*	NA	NA	191	267	374
Scholarship money awarded	NA	NA	\$8,495	\$39,131	\$45,000

 $^{^{*}}$ The Youth Sports Scholarship Program did not begin until FY 2000.